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Resolutions of certain Municipal Councils restricting the issue of licences only to coffee hotels accessible to all castes.

* 64 *Q.*—Swami A. S. Sahajanandam: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Salem, Virudunagar, Pollachi and Coimbatore Municipal Councils have passed resolutions that licences would be issued only to those coffee hotels where everybody may go freely without caste distinction; and

(*b*) if so, what action was taken by the Government on this matter?

A.—(*a*) Yes, in the case of the Salem Municipal Council. In the other cases the Government have no information.

(*b*) The hon. Member is referred to the answer given to clause (*c*) of Question No. 12.

Rao Sahib V. I. Muniswami Pillai:—"In the answer to clause (*a*) it is stated that in the other cases the Government have no information. Will the Government be pleased to call for the information and let us know whether there has been any breach of the peace as a result of allowing members of the depressed classes into the coffee hotels?"

The hon. the Raja of Bobbili:—"I shall call for the information if the hon. Member wants it."

Mr. V. M. Ramaswami Mudaliyar:—"May I know whether the hon. Minister, since sending the answer to this question, referred the matter to the Advocate-General as to whether the Councils are competent to pass such resolutions?"

The hon. the Raja of Bobbili:—"It has not been possible to do so as the Advocate-General has been absent from Madras."

Mr. V. M. Ramaswami Mudaliyar:—"May I ask whether that matter may be put before him when he returns to Madras?"

The hon. the Raja of Bobbili:—"I shall certainly do so."

Education

Reduction in the number of representatives of the Salem Municipal Council on the District Educational Council.

* 65 *Q.*—Mr. K. A. Nachiyappa Gounder: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the number of members allowed to represent the Salem Municipal Council on the District Educational Council, Salem, was reduced from two to one;

(*b*) if so, why and on what considerations;

(*c*) whether it is a fact that the Municipal Council of Salem has elected a second member for the District Educational Council recently;

(*d*) when that election was made, what orders the Government have passed in the matter and the date of such orders;

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(e) whether each of the municipalities in the Presidency is allowed to elect only one member to the District Educational Council concerned or whether any of the municipalities are allowed more than one member and, if so, which they are and on what basis; and

(f) whether the number of seats allowed for the taluk boards in the Presidency which are not bifurcated has been reduced to one and, if so, on what basis?

A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Where municipalities formerly elected two members to these Councils their representation has now been reduced to one. This reduction is due to the necessity for giving new taluk boards representation on District Educational Councils without at the same time unduly increasing the size of these Councils.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) This election was made on 14th October 1932 and on the 8th December following Government passed an *interim* order to the effect that the question of a re-allocation of seats was then under consideration and that orders calling on local authorities to elect the prescribed number of members to the District Educational Council would be issued in due course. Orders having been subsequently passed reducing the number of seats to be filled up by the Salem Municipal Council, among others, to one, the President was informed on 24th April of this year that the particular election by the Municipal Council, Salem, could not be notified.

(*e*) No mufassal Council is allowed to elect more than one member to the District Educational Council.

(*f*) Not in all cases. For details as to the representation allowed to individual taluk boards, the attention of the hon. Member is invited to G.O. No. 355, Education, dated the 4th March 1933, which was placed on the table of the House on the 17th March last.

Rao Sahib V. I. Muniswami Pillai:—"With reference to the answer to clause (*c*) may I know why this disability has been put on the Ootacamund Municipal Council by reducing the number of its representation from 2 to 1?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar:—"I do not know whether it arises out of this question. If it does, Sir, I want notice."

Mr. Basheer Ahmed Sayeed:—"May I know, Sir, how long these district educational councils will continue to function?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar:—"As long as we allow the Elementary Education Act to remain on the statute book as it is."